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## Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	69125	Agenda Number	6.
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Meeting Date: April 13, 2017

Department: Capital Contracting Office

## Subject

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with MUNIZ CONCRETE & CONTRACTING, INC., for the IH-35 Underpass Lighting project in the amount of \$362,724 plus a \$36,272.40 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$398,996.40. (Districts 1, 3, and 9).

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language: One responsive bid received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

Prior Council Action:

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This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 54.82% MBE and 38.08% WBE participation.

## Additional Backup Information

The IH-35 Parking Program is a special revenue fund that accounts for revenue, operations, and maintenance requirements for two parking lots located under the IH-35 overpass between East 6th and 8th Streets. These Federally owned lots fall under the City's control through an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation who oversees the lots at the request of the Federal Highway Administration. Under the terms of its agreement with Texas Department of Transportation, the City must spend any and all revenue collected from the parking lots specifically for the operation and maintenance of the lots.

The Austin Transportation Department, in cooperation with Texas Department of Transportation, received approval to use parking lot revenues for underpass lighting along the IH-35 corridor. The lighting project will provide further investments in the downtown IH-35 corridor by providing enhanced lighting to improve driver safety along IH-35 underpasses at Holly St, Cesar Chavez St, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 15th Streets.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

The engineer's estimate came in at \$382,000 and the only responsive bid received was roughly 5% under the estimate. The Capital Contracting Office contacted the vendors who attended the pre-bid meeting and chose not bid. The reasons the vendors chose not to submit a bid were, they decided to bid as a subcontractor or they could not get an electrician to review the bid documents in time to submit a bid.

Public impact for this project will be minimal as the parking lots will remain fully operational during construction and any street or lane closures will be indicated on the Austin Transportation Department's website.

This item is not time sensitive; however, a delay could impact driver safety.

The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78701 (Districts 1, 3, and 9). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).